

WESTERLY DEATH DUE TO STORM

Mrs. Evan Burdick, 82, Terror-Stricken During Tuesday's Lightning and Darkness—Office for Orson C. Rogers—Sheriff Wilcox Captures Youthful Thieves.

The first church bell ever sounded in the village of Westerly, now owned by Christ Episcopal church, is to be placed on the church grounds just as soon as a location can be definitely decided, and upon a granite pedestal suitably inscribed. The committee appointed for the purpose selected a location on the Elm street side of the church and on a line with the broad street frontage. Excavation for the foundation of the pedestal was made when there was an objection filed against the site selected, and a location in the rear of the church edifice, the one selected by the late William Hoxsey, was suggested. The work of erecting the pedestal for the historical bell has been stopped until the matter of location is definitely and satisfactorily settled.

This bell was formerly in the steeple of the Union Meeting house which was erected in 1823, on the site of the old town hall. The church building was raised in 1872 and the bell was purchased by Christ Episcopal church to replace the one destroyed when the Episcopal church in Union street was burned. Another church building, now Hilberian hall, was erected on the site of the burned building. When the present granite church was erected the old structure was sold to the Hilberian society, but the bell was not included in the sale, as it was intended to use the bell in the steeple of the new edifice. The late Edwin Milner presented chime bells and the old bell was placed in storage where it remained for many years. The plan to place Westerly's first church bell in a prominent place has long been under consideration by the officers of Christ Episcopal church and that plan was about to become effective, when objections were interposed that resulted in the bell's removal to the Union Meeting house which was the cradle where each Christian denomination of Christ Episcopal church, the Christian church and the Catholic church nurtured their sentiments and increased their numbers until they were able to stand alone.

Rev. Lewis Alexander Platts, D. D. and Mrs. Platts, celebrated their golden wedding day, at the Milton (Wisconsin) Seventh-Day Baptist church, July 4th. Dr. Platts was pastor of the Seventh-Day Baptist church in Westerly, in 1880-82 and was succeeded by the late Joseph W. Morton, D. D. The following report of the event taken from the Sabbath Record-er is of local interest.

"An informal reception was given Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Platts on the eve of the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage and a large number thronged the church to offer loving congratulations. President Dalton at the pipe organ and Mrs. Ellen Place with her violin rendered beautiful music. Eighteen people were present who attended the wedding of fifty years ago. J. D. Bond described the scene, the large crowd present at the commemorative occasion, the wedding ceremony at the close, the rain, and Elder Stillman Coon holding his big umbrella over the happy couple like a benediction, while President Whitford pronounced the solemn words of the ceremony.

"Mrs. Henry Osborne added her impressions of the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Sherrill Clark, and Mr. and Mrs. George Lamphere, having already passed their golden wedding mark, were called on to give advice, which they did in characteristic fashion. Principal Vernon Huntley spoke in behalf of a large number who had been received into the Milton church during Dr. Platts' thirteen years' pastorate. Several pastors referred to the good work of Dr. Platts at other places.

"Pastor Randolph presented to Dr. and Mrs. Platts, as a slight token of the loving regard of friends, fifty dollars in gold, and he wished all present as happy a golden wedding as that which they were witnessing.

"Dr. and Mrs. Platts responded in expressions of heartfelt appreciation, giving very interesting reminiscences of the past, and looking forward to happy reunions in the brighter world beyond. Dr. L. A. Platts, Jr., sang a song, and the band played 'Silver Threads Among the Gold,' bringing the evening to a very fitting close."

Mrs. Abby Jane Burdick, widow of Evan Burdick, died suddenly late on Tuesday afternoon from heart failure, presumably superinduced by the excitement incidental to the brief but severe tempest that prevailed. As the sky darkened and the black clouds rolled over Westerly from the north-west, accompanied by thunder and lightning, Mrs. Burdick, always apprehensive of danger from lightning, became very much excited and called to her sister, Mrs. Ransom Hoxie, who resided near her in Dison street, to call Mrs. David Franklin Stillman, a neighbor, as she believed she was about to die. Within five minutes Mrs. Burdick was dead.

Mrs. Burdick was in her eighty-third year and was for many years a member of the First Baptist church and president of the Women's Aid society. She is survived by four widowed sisters, Mrs. Thomas Wilcox, Mrs. Leander Collins, Mrs. Charles W. Austin and Mrs. Ransom Hoxie.

Orson C. Rogers, of Pawcatuck, who served in the war of the rebellion in Company B, Rhode Island regiment, was elected a member of the executive committee and Joshua M. Clark of Westerly, fourth vice president, at the annual reunion of the regiment at Agawam Hunt, Tuesday. It was the fifty-third anniversary of the first battle of Bull Run, in which the First regiment participated. After the business meeting dinner was served the veterans, at which President Charles H. Merriam was host. There was speechmaking and information talks over the events at the front during the first year of the war, which took up the greater part of the afternoon. The exercises closed with singing of the hymn, God Be With You Till We Meet Again.

The United States grand jury is in session in Providence. No charge was made to the jurors in open court by Judge Arthur L. Brown, but he announced that when the jurors were excused at the beginning of the May term, they were subject to recall in the event of a special emergency arising. The department of justice and the treasury department believe that such an emergency had arisen and the judge told the jurors that it may be necessary for them to give considerable amount of their time to the special matters which are to be presented. Judge Brown warned the newspaper representatives that the names of witnesses before the grand jury must not be used and no attempt made to ascertain what was being considered by the jury. William Clark and Gordon P. Cottrell are the Westerly representatives on the grand jury.

When the severe storm broke in its fury at Fort Groble, Tuesday afternoon, the 25th company, Westerly, was participating in a battalion drill and the evolutions came to a sudden

and the sheriff identified the boy as the one stolen from Watch Hill. He halted the boy and asked to be towed to the Pawcatuck shore. The boy threw the painter to the sheriff and that ended the freedom of the lad. He was taken to the police station and he was wearing the bathing suit that belonged to the Barber boy. He gave his name, Peter Le Peiro, age 12, and said his associate in crime was a boy of the same age, Joseph Blondino. Subsequently this boy was arrested at his home in Pierce street. The arrests were made in cooperation with Police Sergeant Edwin B. West. The boys will be arraigned in the Third district court on the charge of theft.

The Westerly band, Charles O. Gavitt, leader, will give a concert in Wilcox park, this evening, for which the following program has been arranged: March, Major Fitzmaurice; Waltz: overture, Jolly Robbers; Supper; popular airs, Who Paid the Rent and I Love the Ladies; Waltz, Nights in Bohemia; Gipsy; medley overture, Hits of 1914; Remick; tango, Le Bel Cubana; Scotch selection, Gems of Scotia; Round; Excerpts from The Heart Breakers; Orlot; march, Quarter Back Chambers; finale, Star Spangled Banner.

Local Laconics.

There was an enjoyable whist and dance at the McQueeney cottage, Pleasant View, Wednesday evening. The Ninette group of Campfire Girls enjoyed a campfire at Atlantic beach, Wednesday evening, as guests of Miss Sally Coy, their guardian.

The Old Mystic Sunday school, the Episcopal Sunday school of Mystic and the Ladies' guild of Poquatuck held outings at Atlantic beach Wednesday.

The Martin house front is being cleaned by the sand-blast system, bricks are to be replaced where required, the front is to be repointed and when completed the large building will be greatly improved in appearance.

MYSTIC

Harry McNutt Having Hydroplane Built for Stenington Race—St. Mark's Sunday School Outing to Atlantic Beach.

Frank G. Post, the boat builder, is constructing a hydroplane for Harry McNutt with which he intends to compete in the motor boat races to be held in Stonington Monday morning of the centennial. The racing machine will be but 12 feet long and it is expected to be speedy. It will be equipped with the motor used last season in McNutt's Minnehaha II, the winner of the Cray motor boat trophy. Mr. McNutt hopes to do several miles an hour more in his new craft, which he has named Minnehaha III.

Went to Atlantic Beach.

The members of the Sunday school and parish of St. Mark's Episcopal church enjoyed their annual picnic Wednesday to Atlantic Beach. A special car left Mystic at 9 o'clock and a fine time was enjoyed by all. The return trip was made at 5 o'clock.

The members of the sewing society

of Phebe Barker Robinson tent, Daughters of Veterans, met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. George W. Wilcox at her home in Quabamag. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Wilcox. Publicity Committee Issues Booklet.

The new booklet advertising the attractions of Mystic and the desirability of the place for the location of homes, industries and summer residences which was prepared by the publicity committee of the Men's club, of which Attorney B. H. Hewitt is the chairman, is out today. The book contains a score or more of splendid views of the village and vicinity and attractively written reading matter in which the natural advantages, shipping and traffic facilities are duly set forth. The books will be sent out to industries and concerns or individuals expected to be interested in Mystic. They may be found at the Mystic pharmacy or obtained from any one of the publicity committee. The books do not contain any firm advertising of any sort. They are very attractively gotten up and make a nice souvenir of Mystic.

Brief Local Notes.

Miss Grace Stoddard is the guest of her cousin, Miss Flora Belle White, in North Stonington.

Miss Lily Ward of New Haven is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. John Brant, in North Stonington.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Kretzer have returned from West Hoboken, N. J. S. S. Brown MacKenzie was in North Stonington Wednesday.

Mrs. Charles Stoddard and Mr. and Mrs. Kienan and grandson spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Daniel E. Gray of North Stonington.

Miss Fanny Brewer of Middletown is the guest of her parents, Judge and Mrs. Francis Brewer.

Walter Crooks of Northfield is the guest of his aunt, Mrs. Lillian Malloy.

BALTIC

Victor J. Barry Bound Over Charged With Intent to Defraud—Successful Band Concert and Sale.

The case of Victor J. Barry, who recently conducted the Baltic hotel, which was burned May 8th, was brought up Wednesday morning before Justice of the Peace Franklin H. Brown in the Baltic town hall. The charge was intent to defraud the Continental and Allemania Insurance company. Attorneys Hull, McGuire and Hull, represented by Attorney Thomas G. Troland, were counsel for the state and Attorney J. J. Desmond appeared for the accused. The Continental Insurance company was represented by Howard C. Buck of Hartford, a special agent, while Chester P. Melendy of Quincy, Mass., represented the Allemania Insurance company. After evidence by various witnesses and the attorneys had made their arguments, Judge Brown bound the accused over to the next term of the superior court under bonds of \$700.

The Sisters of Charity of the Convent of the Holy Family went into retreat Wednesday for ten days. Sisters from Williamantic and Tatfield will make the retreat with them.

Viola and Edith of Pawcatuck, R. I., are guests of Mr. and Mrs.



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Charles Charon.
Miss Anna Donahoe is passing a few weeks in Derby and Shelton.
On the green at the rear of the M. E. church the B. D. club gave a public

band concert Tuesday evening. Larocche's military band furnished excellent music. Refreshments of all kinds were on sale and the different booths were well patronized. The proceeds will go toward the fund for the organ to be installed in the M. E. church.
Mrs. William Buckley and daughter are passing the summer at Ocean Beach.

Our Summer Clearing Sale of SHOES, OXFORDS AND PUMPS Continues with Lower Prices

We want to close out every pair of Summer Shoes, Oxfords and Pumps, and in order to do this COST HAS NOT BEEN CONSIDERED.

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- Ladies' \$2.00 and \$2.50 White Canvas Pumps, latest styles \$1.23
- Ladies' \$2.50 Gun Metal Oxfords..... \$1.98
- Ladies' \$3.50 and \$4.00 Black and Russet Oxfords \$2.23
- Ladies' \$4.00 Gun Metal, Grey Ooze Top Oxfords \$1.98
- Ladies' \$2.50 Gun Metal Button Oxfords..... \$1.98
- Ladies' \$3.50 and \$4.00 Gun Metal Fine Shoes.... \$1.98
- Ladies' \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$5.00 Button and Laced Shoes, A, B and C widths, at..... \$1.74
- Ladies' \$3.50 and \$4.00 Fine Dongola Kid and Cloth Top, Button and Laced Shoes, at..... \$2.98
- Ladies' \$4.00, \$4.50 and \$5.00 Patent Gun Metal, Russia Calf, Button and Laced Shoes, at..... \$3.45
- Ladies' \$3.50 and \$4.00 Fine Satin Slippers and Pumps, many styles and colors, at..... \$1.98
- Ladies' \$3.50 and \$4.00 Russet Rubber Sole Oxfords at \$2.48

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- Men's \$4.00 and \$4.50 Gun Metal Oxfords..... \$3.48
- Men's \$4.00 and \$4.50 Russet and Brown Oxfords.. \$3.48
- Men's \$3.50 and \$4.00 Gun Metal, Button Oxfords .. \$2.74
- Men's \$4.00 and \$4.50 Gun Metal Bluchers..... \$3.48
- Men's \$5.00 Brown Russet Bal. (latest) \$3.48
- Men's \$4.50 Gun Metal Bluchers..... \$3.23
- Men's \$4.00 Gun Metal Bluchers, thick sole..... \$2.98
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- Men's \$4.00 and \$5.00 Russet Rubber Sole Oxfords \$3.48
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